

REMARKS

Summary of the Final Office Action

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Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, and 10. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-5, and 8-10 are presently pending.

The Objections to the Claims

Claims 1, 5, and 10 stand objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the comments of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a)

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With respect to independent claims 1 and 5, as amended, Applicant respectfully asserts that the applied art, whether taken singly or combined, do not teach or suggest a protrusion being

formed with a same material as that deposited for forming LCD cell structures on the two plates. In accordance with the present invention, it is particularly advantageous to use such a material because these materials are used in forming a thin film transistor array substrate and/or a color filter array substrate on the plates. By using the same materials, manufacturing efficiency can be achieved while preventing the liquid crystal from contacting the sealant.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a) should be withdrawn because the applied references, whether taken singly or combined, do not teach or suggest each feature of independent claims 1 and 5, as amended. Further, Applicant respectfully asserts that dependent claims 4 and 8-10 are allowable at least because of their respective dependence from independent claims 1 and 5, as amended, and the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

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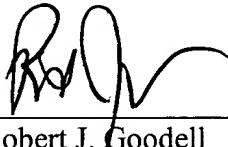
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